

HOUSE BILL 607

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Customer Notices**

3 **MC/PG 102–11**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to
5 enter on certain real property, the common area of a certain multifamily
6 building, or a certain commercial building at certain times to post a certain
7 notice on or near the entry door of the building or unit under certain
8 circumstances; requiring the Commission to contact and consult with a property
9 manager or owner of property before entering real property to mutually agree
10 on certain matters except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
11 customer notices of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Public Utilities
14 Section 24–107
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2010 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Public Utilities**

20 **24–107.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(A) ~~THE~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
 2 **COMMISSION MAY ENTER ON REAL PROPERTY, THE COMMON AREA OF A**
 3 **MULTIFAMILY BUILDING, OR A COMMERCIAL BUILDING THAT HAS A**
 4 **CONNECTION WITH THE WATER SUPPLY OR SEWER SYSTEM UNDER THE**
 5 **JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION AT A REASONABLE TIME TO POST A NOTICE**
 6 **ON OR NEAR THE ENTRY DOOR OF THE BUILDING OR UNIT THAT WOULD INFORM**
 7 **THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF ANY OFFICIAL COMMISSION BUSINESS THAT**
 8 **AFFECTS EITHER THE PUBLIC OR THAT PARTICULAR PROPERTY.**

9 **(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
 10 **SUBSECTION, BEFORE ENTERING REAL PROPERTY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**
 11 **THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONTACT AND CONSULT WITH THE**
 12 **PROPERTY MANAGER OR OWNER OF THE PROPERTY TO MUTUALLY AGREE ON:**

13 **(I) THE TIME THAT THE COMMISSION MAY ENTER THE**
 14 **REAL PROPERTY;**

15 **(II) THE LOCATION WHERE THE NOTICE IS TO BE POSTED;**
 16 **AND**

17 **(III) THE LENGTH OF TIME THE NOTICE IS TO REMAIN**
 18 **POSTED.**

19 **(2) THE COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO CONTACT AND**
 20 **CONSULT WITH A PROPERTY MANAGER OR OWNER UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
 21 **THIS SUBSECTION IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION WHERE A DELAY IN**
 22 **POSTING A NOTICE WOULD PLACE THE PUBLIC, THE COMMISSION'S SYSTEM, OR**
 23 **THE PARTICULAR PROPERTY AT SIGNIFICANT RISK.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 25 October 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.